

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 5 April 2016
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer and Pam Meister with JoAnn Robinson, Chair.
2. Review of minutes: Minutes from March reviewed, edited and approved.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Rachel Nigerian from corner lot at 85 Irving Street and Bartlett Street. Request to change fence and to use high quality PVC.
 - b. Keith Lombardi requesting demolition sign-off for 49 Colonial Drive.
 - c. David Wilcox from St. John's with an update on work.
 - d. Gary Vrotsos from 108 Pleasant Street. Forwarded to the Arlington Historic District Commission.
 - e. Request for a demolition permit for 50 Washington Street. Sign-off sent to the Building Department.
 - f. David Lewis called regarding renovation to the Regent Theatre.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the Masonic Hall. Route 2-Route To A Vacation! Stuart Brorson- Presenter Route 2 is much more than the asphalt canyon separating Arlington and Belmont. It's an interesting part of transportation history from end to end—indeed the western section is one of America's oldest roads constructed especially for automobile travel. Take a leisurely drive down Route 2's colorful history with three vignettes from the early 1800s, the early 1900s, and the 1960s.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie)- No report.
 - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Five projects being submitted to the Board of Selectmen. One is for the Whittemore Robbins Carriage House restoration.
 - f. Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Carriage House stabilization and rehabilitation and use as a garage.

- b. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- No report.
- c. 18 Robin Hood Road 3/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- d. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- No report.
- e. 163 Park Avenue 6/15 Guthrie- No report.
- f. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- Garage built- looking for door.
- g. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- Project ongoing.
- h. 252 Gray Street 2/16 Guthrie- No report.
- i. 1210 Massachusetts Avenue 3/16 Schaefer- Nothing to report.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson –No report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – No report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – No report.
- d. Historic House Markers- No report.
- e. Town Hall: No report.
- f. Web Site: Stange –No report.

Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm-

Four project proposals for exterior changes to the property were presented by the owner's representatives, Robert Pecci, contractor, and David Lievense, building super at 3-11 Lakeview Street:

1. Repair of the courtyard wall.
2. Replace windows in units 7A, 9A and 11.
3. Accept the new granite and fieldstone porch floors
4. Restore altered porches to align with the original architectural style.

The Arlington Historical Commission voted 4-0 (Commissioners Stange, Meister, Robinson, and Schaefer, a quorum) on each of the four proposals with the stipulations noted below. This vote authorizes the Building Department to issue a work permit under these stipulations.

Proposal 1 Repair of the courtyard wall

To authorize the replacement of the courtyard wall as proposed; that the wall will be built to match the original height and covered with stucco to match the original as approved by the Commission

monitor. The final decision on how the top of the wall is finished will be made in conjunction with the Commission monitor.

Proposal 2 Replace windows in units 7A, 9A and 11

To authorize the replacement of the broken weighted sash windows in units 7A, 9A, and 11 with new windows to be approved by the Commission monitor and that the same brown aluminum storm windows are used on the replaced windows, as approved by the Commission monitor. Before this can be completed, an inventory to document all of the existing windows at the complex must be completed, working in conjunction with the Commission monitor.

Proposal 3 Accept the new granite and fieldstone porch floors

To authorize the owner to retain the updated granite porch landings that have recently been built. In addition a new landing on unit 11A may be built to match the new granite and fieldstone landings.

Proposal 4 Restore the altered porches to align with the original architectural style of the building

To continue the hearing concerning the replacement of the inappropriate porches so that a plan can be developed to rebuild porches that are architecturally appropriate. As a first step, the Commission monitor will schedule a site visit for the Commission in the near future.

If the project plans submitted to Inspectional Services differ from the proposals described above, the project plans will need to be presented at a public hearing of the Commission.

The Historical Commission Monitors will be Dianne Schaefer, principal, and JoAnn Robinson, backup.

Old Business:

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be May 3, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.